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SUBJECT: VISIT BY AMERICAN YOUTH PERFORMS, INC. PRESIDENT

- 1. CHARLES ABDOO, PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK-BASED AMERICAN YOUTH PERFORMS, INC., WHICH ORGANIZED A SERIES OF COMBINED CONCERT AND TOURIST VISITS TO ROMANIA BY VARIOUS YOUNG AMERICAN MUSICAL ENSEMBLES LAST SUMMER, HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT HE WILL BE IN ADDRESSEE CAPITALS DURING NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS TO DISCUSS SIMILAR PROGRAMS FOR COMING SUMMER. ALTHOUGH HE REPORTED HE HAD DISCUSSED HIS PLANS WITH CULTURAL OFFICERS IN WASHINGTON, FIRM ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR SPECIFIC DISCUSSION PARTNERS ONLY IN BELGRADE AND BUCHAREST. IN BELGRADE HE WILL DISCUSS HIS PROJECT WITH M. LAZIC OF YOUTH FEDERATION OF YUGOSLAVIA AND IN BUCHAREST WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE TRAVEL AGENCY, CARPATIA, AMONG OTHERS.
- 2. ABDOO PLANS TO CALL ON CAOS IN ADDRESSEE POSTS TO INFORM THEM OF HIS PLANS AND TO SEEK ADVICE. HE WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. ABDOO AND DR. MILLER LEE CHRISMAN.

FOLLOWING ARE TRAVEL PLANS: BELGRADE, NOVEMBER 14-17; MOSCOW, 17-21; BUCHAREST, 22-23; SOFIA, 23-26.

3. ABDOO HAS KEPT DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY BUCHAREST INFORMED IN GREAT DETAIL OF PRACTICALLY EVERY STEP HE TAKES IN

CONTACTS WITH ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT AND TRAVEL OFFICIALS. HE AND HIS WIFE APPEAR TO BE SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN ASSURING THAT THEIR GROUPS ACTUALLY GET THE SCHEDULES, TRANSPORTATION, ACCOMMODATIONS, TOURS AND CONCERT OPPORTUNITIES WHICH THE RECEIVING COUNTRIES MAY CONTRACT TO PROVIDE.

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